

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
April 11, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

All commissioners present.

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller

Supervisor Shannon Levin

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Mosher commented that the City Charter calls out for the Commission to meet monthly and that the comments at the Coastal Commission meeting from October 2011 regarding the Grand Canal platform should be reviewed. Dan Purcell commented that speed limits from fishing boats is an issue, and also supported the Grand Canal public pier.

MINUTES

Commissioner Rhyne made the motion to approve the Minutes, and Commissioner West seconded the motion. 6 Ayes and 1 abstain (Duffy). Approved.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: Appeal of Decision to Deny Application for Dock Reconfiguration at 209 Via Lido Soud.

Abstract: The Harbor Commission heard an appeal of the Harbor Resources Manager's decision to deny the application for the reconfiguration of the dock at 209 Via Lido Soud.

Discussion: Staff presented the Commission with the application to reconstruct a pier beyond the current allowable building area according to the Harbor Permit Policy. Pete Swift of Swift Slip spoke on behalf of the applicant petitioning the Commission to grant the application of the structure that would blend in with the surrounding piers. The applicant, George Twist, commented that the surrounding neighborhood has piers that are built out to the desired length. Comments from the Commission included dredging to bring the slip in closer to shore and setting precedent. The Commission added that the slip may be built as requested, however a condition would be added that no bayward overhang would be allowed beyond the end of the structure.

Action: The Commission motioned to advise the Harbor Resources Manager to approve the current application with the condition that no vessel could overhang beyond the end of the structure. Commissioner Rodheim abstained. Motion carried all ayes.

ITEM #2

Subject: California Ships to Reefs

Abstract: The Harbor Commission heard a presentation by California Ships to Reefs on the programs they are developing in Orange County.

Discussion: The presentation is posted on <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1780>.

Action: Receive and file.

ITEM #3

Subject: Review of Newport Bay Marina

Abstract: The Harbor Commission was updated on the upcoming Newport Bay Marina project (2222 Newport Blvd) with a focus on the marina.

Discussion: The presentation is posted on <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1780>.

Action: Receive and file.

ITEM #4

Subject: Vessel Cheyenne- Discussion of Future Moorage in Newport Harbor

Abstract: The Harbor Commission will discuss the future of the vessel Cheyenne with respect to its moorage in the harbor.

Discussion: Chris Welsh described the current status of the project, and that he had about 5-6 months left before the Cheyenne would leave the harbor on its mission. He requested the Commission consider a long term arrangement for the Cheyenne. The Commission added that they are being careful and do not want to set a precedent, but they could support a plan. Public comments ranged from concerns about how long do we accommodate the vessel, to supporting the program.

Action: The Commission decided to begin charging the Cheyenne moorage fees at the current rate. Also, the Commission will create a plan within 60 days that addresses Chris Welsh's request for long term moorage as well as City participation/endorsement with the project.

ITEM #5

Subject: Appointment of Commissioners to a Dredging Task Force

Abstract: The Harbor Commission will nominate Commissioners to serve on a Dredging Task Force that will analyze and prioritize additional dredging opportunities that exist after the current 2012 dredging project is complete.

Discussion: Council Liaison Gardner suggested that the Commission develop a plan then make a recommendation to the Tidelands Management Committee. Commissioners McIntosh, Duffield and Rodheim will work on this plan.

Action:

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Quality: Commissioner Rhyne met with Randy Seton who is on the Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee, and Commissioner McIntosh is reviewing the Clean Marinas Tool Kit.

Cruising Guide: Commissioner West reported that the Guide has been published and is in circulation.

Visioning: Commissioner Avery is reviewing the Harbor and Bay Element of the General Plan, and favors maintaining the charm and character of the Harbor. He will be organizing an outreach meeting soon.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Council Member Gardner explained the current harbor charges issue.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE

- Manager Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1777>*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dan Purcell supports the harbor fees issue.

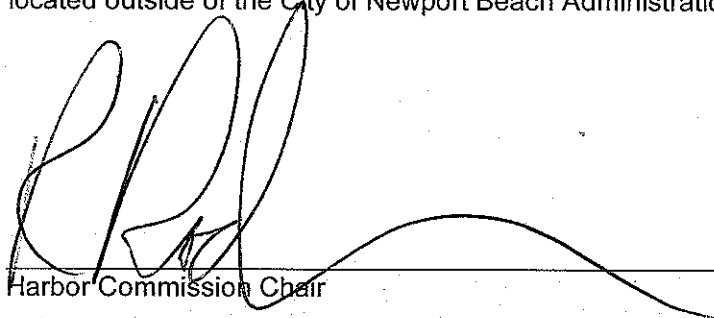
RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Department of Boating and Waterways update
- OCC Sea Base

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday May 11, 2012

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned around 8:45.

The agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on April 6, 2012 at 2:21PM on the City Hall Bulletin Board located outside of the City of Newport Beach Administration Building.



Harbor Commission Chair